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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. US COMPONENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE WORKING GROUP HAS INITIAL PLANNING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21. DRIFT OF DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSION TODAY POINTED TOWARD ATTEMPT RIGHT FROM OUTSET TO ENGAGE SOVIETS WITH PROPOSALS FOR BANS AND LIMITS. HOWEVER, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK IT MORE PRUDENT TO LEAD THE HORSE MORE GENTLY TO THE TROUGH. IF YOU HAVE IMPRESSIONS, THOUGHTS, AND ADVICE ON LIKELY SOVIET STANCE, AND NEGOTIATING TACTICS TO MEET IT, A CABLE FROM YOU MIGHT PROVIDE NEEDED BALLAST FOR THE APRIL 21 MEETING.

2. PAUL COOK REPORTS THAT HE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE CANADIAN EMBASSY AND THE HEAD OF THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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TION ON DISSIDENTS HERE RATHER THAN IN MOSCOW. THE CANADIANS SAID THIS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY MOSCOW. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM IN HANDLING THIS HERE, BUT PAUL JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

3. FOR BROWN: FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF HARTMAN/MOROKLOV MEMCON NOT NECESSARY.

4. FOR BROWN: TO CONFIRM WHAT MCCALL TOLD MCNAMARA, SUMMER REPLACEMENT JACK SONTAG DID DO A YEARS GRADUATE WORK IN MOSCOW 1959-60. SONTAG PLANS ARRIVE END OF MAY, WHICH SHOULD GIVE GOOD OVERLAP WITH JOHNSON, AND HE IS EAGER TO STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT, TO PROVIDE GOOD OVERLAP WITH TOMSEN. SONTAG WRITING YOU.

5. REGRET THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GENERATE THE USUAL REPORTS ON TOLYA'S RECENT ACTIVITIES. EARLIER ARRANGEMENTS, THEMSELVES NOT FULLY SATISFACTORY, AS YOU KNOW, BROKE DOWN IN LIGHT OF CURRENT SENSITIVITIES.
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